

FELONIES

This section contains a current listing of felony offenses. Felony offenses are categorized as follows: class 1, class 2, class 3, class 4, class 5, class 6, and unclassified felonies. The penalty for the commission of a certain felony offense depends on its classification. The penalty scheme for felonies is indicated in Table 1 below.

Table 1
Sentencing Scheme for Felonies Committed on or After July 1, 1993

Class of Crime	Minimum Sentence	Maximum Sentence	Mandatory Parole
Class 1	Life Imprisonment	Death	—
Class 2	8 years \$5,000 fine	24 years \$1,000,000	5 years
Class 3 (extraordinary risk of harm*)	4 years \$3,000 fine	16 years \$750,000	5 years
Class 3	4 years \$3,000 fine	12 years \$750,000	5 years
Class 4 (extraordinary risk of harm*)	2 years \$2,000 fine	8 years \$500,000	3 years
Class 4	2 years \$2,000 fine	6 years \$500,000	3 years
Class 5 (extraordinary risk of harm*)	1 year \$1,000 fine	4 years \$100,000	2 years
Class 5	1 year \$1,000 fine	3 years \$100,000	2 years
Class 6 (extraordinary risk of harm*)	1 year \$1,000 fine	2 years \$100,000	1 year
Class 6	1 year \$1,000 fine	18 months \$100,000	1 year
Unclassified	Specified in statute	Specified in statute	—

** Felony crimes that present an extraordinary risk of harm to society include the following: aggravated robbery; child abuse; unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing, sale, or possession of a controlled substance with the intent to sell, distribute, manufacture, or dispense; any Section 18-1.3-406 crime of violence; stalking; the sale or distribution of materials to manufacture a controlled substance; and felony invasion of privacy for sexual gratification committed on or after July 1, 2012 (Section 18-1.3-401 (10), C.R.S.).*

It is important to note that not all persons convicted of a felony offense receive a sentence to prison. Colorado law authorizes many alternatives to prison including deferred prosecution, deferred sentencing, probation, and community corrections.

The crimes in this listing are grouped according to the statutory title in which they appear. In addition, those crimes that appear in Title 18, the Criminal Code, are further designated by their article. For example, crimes in Article 3 of Title 18 are identified as “Offenses Against the Person.”

All listings are current through the 2011 regular session laws.

